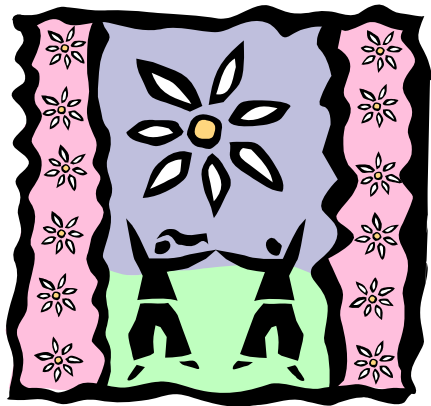


CPRB

## Staff

Advocacy direction and policy guidance are furnished by the CPRB Executive Committee of the CPRB.

A professional staff supports the work of CPRB volunteers. The staff consists of an Executive Director, who leads the advocacy efforts of the CPRB; a Review Supervisor, who coordinates the review work; several Review Coordinators, who prepare the materials for each review, attend the reviews, and prepare follow-up documentation; and secretarial staff, who support staff and volunteer activities.



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# DELAWARE CHILD PLACEMENT REVIEW BOARD



## Purpose

The Child Placement Review Board (CPRB) serves foster children in the State of Delaware and adjudicated children

in out of home placements by involving trained citizen volunteers in regular reviews of where these children have been placed, how they are treated, and how their changing needs are being addressed. This process, conducted with professionals from the Division of Family Services (DFS), and YRS improves the life of children in care because:

- CPRB volunteers advocate for stable placements for children in care.
- CPRB reviews emphasize the search for permanency for each child.
- CPRB training enables each volunteer to ensure children in the State's care receive all appropriate services.
- CPRB reviews help prevent "foster care drift," in which a child's changing needs can be unrecognized or overlooked.

CPRB reviews offer an independent, citizen-based assessment of foster care in Delaware and treatment of delinquent youth.

## History

The Child Placement Review Board was established by the State of Delaware in 1979 by the Foster Child Review Act, Title 31, Chapter 33, of the Delaware Code. This board offers the citizens of Delaware the opportunity and forum for participation in the State's efforts to care for abused and neglected children. CPRB reviews are documented in reports to Family Court of the State of Delaware.

## Activities

The Child Placement Review Board conducts case reviews for each child in the custody of the State. These reviews take place once a year for each child and involves a committee of trained CPRB volunteers, the child's case worker from DFS or YRS, the biological parents or legal guardians, the foster parents or placement staff, and, as needed, additional professionals involved with the child and/or the family. When appropriate, the child, siblings, and extended family members are also invited.

## Becoming a CPRB Volunteer

Volunteers are appointed to the Child Placement Review Board by the Governor of Delaware. Applicants must be residents of the State of Delaware and must demonstrate an interest in children and their welfare through professional experience or community service in law, sociology, psychiatry, education, theology, social work, medicine, or related fields.

Delaware citizens who are interested in becoming CPRB volunteers are interviewed by the CPRB Chair or its Executive Director.

Names of potential CPRB members are then submitted to the Office of the Governor for appointment to the Child Placement Review Board. CPRB terms are for three years, renewable at the pleasure of the Governor.

Volunteers receive extensive in-house training; when community-based training is appropriate, the cost of this training is underwritten by the CPRB. Volunteers also receive a stipend to cover costs incurred in the service of the CPRB.

Members are assigned to a review committee that meets twice a month. The CPRB commitment is one that can be scheduled in advance and completed in a morning or an afternoon.

Each CPRB review committee consists of up to seven CPRB volunteers. A Review Coordinator from the CPRB staff, who also participates in the review, prepares all review materials, offers guidance to the team, and is responsible for follow-up and reporting.

Because of the privacy accorded to children in the State's care, all CPRB matters are treated as confidential.



*Providing independent, third-party review to Delaware's children who live in out of home placements.*